[0066]   ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0067]   A network device that controls the communication of data frames between stations

includes an address table that has a number of entries including address information and data

forwarding information. The network device also includes a timer that defines an aging cycle

associated with the address table. When the timer times out, the timer sends a signal to an aging

device that initiates an aging process on the address table. The timer also transmits a time-out

signal to interrupt logic on the network device. The interrupt logic receives the time-out signal

and transmits an interrupt signal to an external device. The external device may then perform an

aging process on an address table stored in its memory.